

Porter Rockwell Story

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As Orrin P. Rockwell was on his way to Lehi, he called at the Hot Springs Brewery. While in the bar room a man (a teamster from Camp Floyd) caught him by his beard and asked him "if he was Porter Rockwell, the Goddamned thief?"

Porter said his name was Porter Rockwell, but he was no thief. The man drew his knife and said he was a thief and ought to be killed. At this Mr. Radford interfered and took away the knife from the man and ordered him off his premises.

He left and went to his team which was standing at the Hot Springs. Porter also left for home, and as he was passing the wagon that belonged to the man that had abused him, the man sprang out and caught his mule by the bridle.

Porter drew his pistol and shot him in the breast. Porter rode back to the brewery and reported what he had done and went home.